GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS FOR SCS/STS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had allocated the funds of Rs. 250 crore during 1997-98 to the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (earstwhile Ministry of Welfar

(e) for establishing residential schools for the children of SCs/STs named as Kasturba Gandhi Swatantra Vidyalaya, as demanded by the Forum of SC/ST Parliamentarians;

(b) if so, whether any action has been taken to establish the said schools;

(c) if so, the number of residential schools established so far, State-wise and the amount utilised thereon out of the allocated funds of Rs. 250 crores; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (Dr. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(a) to (d) : A scheme called the Kasturba Gandhi Swatantra Vidyalaya (KGSV) was formulated by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment for opening of special schools for girl child belonging to Scheduled Castes & Scheduled Tribes, Other Backward Classes and Minorities in low female literacy districts. A provision of Rs. 250.00 crores was made in that Ministry`s budget for the year 1997-98 pending various clearances to the scheme.
However, subsequently it was decided to transfer the scheme to the Department of Elementary Education& Literacy. The Department of Elementary Education & Literacy is now in the process of giving a final shape to the scheme and modalities for its operationalisation in consultation with the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Ministry of Tribal Affairs and the Department of Women and Child Development.